Dental Conversion to National Standards

Convert to the ASC X12N 837 v.4010 Dental October 1, 2002

Michigan Medicaid Dental providers will be converting October 1, 2002 to the HIPAA mandated national transaction standard ASC Xl2N 837 Dental, version 4010 claim formats (regardless of the date of service). Michigan Department of Community Health will no longer accept its current proprietary electronic dental claim format after September 30, 2002. For uninterrupted claims payment, you and your vendors must comply with the HIPAA mandate. If you or your vendors do not, MDCH cannot accept or pay your claims. **Providers, please share this flyer with your vendors.**

Convert to Electronic Billing to Realize HIPAA's Benefits

MDCH will continue to accept the ADA 2000 paper claim format for the immediate future but strongly encourages providers to convert to electronic transactions. Electronic claims provide more efficient and more accurate claims processing resulting in faster payments. MDCH is urging paper billers to take advantage of HIPAA's benefits by partnering with an e-billing agent or clearinghouse to submit HIPAA compliant claims.

Provider Education and Outreach

To assist Michigan's Medicaid Dental providers in preparing for HIPAA transactions, MDCH is planning a HIPAA Readiness Seminar this fall featuring the three big payers: MDCH, Delta Dental and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. The date, time and location will be posted on www.mihealth.org once it is known.

In addition, MDCH will provide:
- Ongoing communications through bulletins and letters (see L 02-24)
- Education and outreach to Michigan Dental Association and its members
- A HIPAA primer at **www.healthcare.mivu.org**
- An e-newsletter
- An article for publication
- A post card mailed to all Medicaid Dental providers
- This flyer
- Two web sites for up-to-date information:
    - **www.michigan.gov/mdch**
    - **www.mihealth.org**

HIPAA Dental Transaction Implementation Schedule

MDCH will implement transactions incrementally beginning October 1, 2002 starting with claims
- MDCH will test ASC x12N 837 v. 4010 Dental claim formats beginning in third quarter 2002
- MDCH will begin accepting the ASC x12N 837 v. 4010 Dental format October 1, 2002
- MDCH will begin testing all remaining HIPAA compliant transactions April 16, 2003
- MDCH will transmit 835 (Payment and Remittance Advice) transactions October 1, 2003
- All transactions must be HIPAA compliant by October 16, 2003
- Codes will be standardized by October 16, 2003

What Medicaid Dental Providers and their Vendors Should Do

- Know the ASC x12N 837 v. 4010 Dental transaction compliance date (October 1, 2002)
- Download the information needed to ensure a successful conversion:
  - HIPAA Implementation Guides (**hipaa.wpc-edi.com/hipaa_40.asp**)
  - Dental Data Clarification Documents (**www.michigan.gov/mdch**)
  - Electronic Billing Manual (**www.michigan.gov/mdch**)
- Stay current with HIPAA compliant Code Sets
  - CDT Dental codes (**www.ada.org/prof/prac/manage/benefits/cdtguide.html**)
- Conduct two-stage transaction testing prior to implementation
  - Stage 1 – Integrity Testing for HIPAA Compliance with an independent third party vendor like Claredi or Foresight
  - Stage 2 – Claims Testing for B2B Transactions
- Inquire to assure that your electronic biller, clearinghouse or software vendor is certified HIPAA compliant
- Contact other payers about their HIPAA Implementation Program
- Partner with a clearinghouse or electronic biller if you currently submit paper claims

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Need More Information?

- Visit the Michigan Department of Community Health web site
  - **www.michigan.gov/mdch**
- Visit mihealth.org for a complete details including updated questions & answers
  - **www.mihealth.org**
- E-mail MDCH
  - **providersupport@michigan.gov**
- To become an electronic biller or to request an electronic billers provider list, contact:
  - **automatedbilling@michigan.gov**
- Log on to Michigan Virtual University's HIPAA primer
  - **www.healthcare.mivu.org**
- Contact your association
  - **www.mda.org**
- HIPAA certification and testing
  - **www.claredi.com**
- Foresight's HIPAA Validator
  - **http://www.bcbsm.com/providers/trans_test.shtml**
- CDT codes
  - **www.ada.org/prof/prac/manage/benefits/cdtguide.html**
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
  - **www.bcbsm.com/providers/dental**
- Delta Dental
  - **www.deltadentalmi.com**